

LIQUOR PEOPLE APPROACH NASH.

Said to Have Made a Demand
On the Governor

TO KILL THE CLARK BILL.

Claim That Promises Were Made and They
Now Want the Republican Party
to Deliver the Goods as Per
Contract.

Canton people are watching, with great interest, the result of the contest at Columbus over the Ward option bill, known as the Clark bill. This bill provides for elections by wards in the liquor question. It has passed the house of representatives and is now up to the senate for action. It is having its effect on state politics and the liquor interests are openly charging the Republicans with going back on them. It is claimed that the Republican candidates were supported by the liquor people and they want the goods delivered that were promised. A special from Columbus to the Cleveland Plain Dealer says:

The passage of the bill Wednesday by the house was a great surprise to the liquor league. Wednesday evening a conference was called by the friends of the bill and the ground thoroughly canvassed. It was decided that something must be done to save the day and prevent the bill coming to a vote in the senate, where it is conceded that the temperance men are in control. Lieut. Gov. Caldwell, who was nominated as the saloon representative, was consulted and a reconsideration was decided upon. But time must be allowed to get members who were favorable to the bill to change their vote. Lieut. Gov. Caldwell was able to fix this and when the bill was messaged over to the senate the lieutenant governor carefully "forgot" to hand it to the clerk to read, thereby saving it from becoming a part of the house proceedings. The senate adjourned at noon, and thus all danger of the bill becoming the property of the senate was avoided.

At 3 o'clock the governor was called into a conference by the liquor men. This meeting was held in the Nell house. Governor Nash, Lieutenant Governor Caldwell, John R. Malloy, Senator Sieber, of Dick's district, Carl Hoster, who is at the head of the brewers' association in the state; Secretary Chapman, of the Cleveland and Sandusky Brewing Co., and Representative McCormick were present at this conference. It was an important as well as an exciting meeting. It is stated upon good authority that the representatives of the saloon interests of the state told Gov. Nash that he must kill the bill.

"If this bill becomes a law this session your administration and the Republican party in Ohio will be held responsible for it by the entire liquor interests of the state." This was the plain unvarnished ultimatum given by the saloon men present. They reminded Gov. Nash that they had contributed many thousands of dollars to his campaign and to the campaign of Senator Hanna two years ago. That the legislature in both branches is now strongly Republican, and its acts therefore the acts of the Republican party.

"We demand that this bill be reconsidered and killed in the house, and you as the governor of the state and head of the party in Ohio can accomplish this work," Mr. Chapman is reported to have said to Gov. Nash.

The governor is known to have attempted to dodge the issues and claim, which is probably true, that he neither aided or abetted the bill, in fact took no part in the contest, but this would not go. The agents of the liquor men accused Malloy with trifling with their interests in an attempt to pull the Cox bill through the house and Malloy is regarded by many as Gov. Nash's spokesman. The liquor men pointed out that if the legislature passes this law they will have but one course open to them in future campaigns, and that will be to work against the party which has shown its ingratitude by passing the Clark bill.

It is said tonight on what appears to be good authority that the result of the conference was a promise that the administration would use its best endeavors to secure a reconsideration. Three men are mentioned as converts to the liquor cause since the passage of the bill. They are Painter, of Wood, Buell, of Columbiana, and Metcalf, of Stark. One of these men, it is said, will be secured to move a reconsideration of the bill. The temperance people are fully aware of the move and will make a bitter fight against it. The Democrats will divide on the question but the leaders do not want the bill reconsidered.

If this move fails Senator Sheppard will offer the same objection to the bill as ordered by Judge Russell in the attempt to defeat the bill. The amendment is to increase the number of petitioners required before the bill can be submitted from one-quarter to one-half, and an amendment to the language describing a saloon as a public house. The bill has jumped into almost national prominence as a political factor tonight and its enemies say its passage will do much to defeat McKinley and elect a Democrat senator in 1901.

BENHAM DOOMED.

Seems Now That There is No
Further Chance to Save
His Life.

Special to News-Democrat.
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 10.—Howard C. Benham whose execution was respite

from Jan. 2 until the week beginning today, will probably be executed today, or Monday, as it is not believed that there will be a further stay or new trial ordered. Benham was convicted of having poisoned his wife with prussic acid at their home in Batavia. The case has been bitterly fought out in the courts, and dragged over a long period. Benham last appeal for a new trial to permit if the introduction to show the cause of the prussic acid in the victim's stomach, which it is now alleged she took because she was suffering from an ailment for which it is administered.

HURLED DEFIANCE AT LEGISLATORS.

Representative Snyder Issued a
Defi In the House.

NOT AFRAID OF ANY MAN.

Said He Was Not a Coward For Not Voting
on the Clark Bill, and Felt
Mentally and Physically
Capable.

Special to News-Democrat.

Columbus, Feb. 9.—Two members from Stark county, Messrs Snyder and Pollock, have stirred up a big muss by not voting on the Clark ward option bill. Mr. Snyder's position called for a speech from him. Cole, of Hancock, had twice those who did not vote at all and in his speech had said:

"If there are any cowards in this house they are the men who sat in their seats yesterday and refused to declare themselves. They had not the courage to voice their sentiments when their names were repeatedly called, and I don't believe they are entitled to impute cowardice to any one."

Then up rose Mr. Snyder, of Stark. He got the floor on a question of personal privilege and roundly denounced Cole without mentioning his name. Snyder's attitude was warlike. He is not the biggest man in the house, taking physical proportions into account, but he has the fire of youth and environment. He drew his sword with an oratorical flourish that made the members near him dodge, and said:

"I want to resent the insinuation directed at me for not voting either for or against the local option bill on yesterday. I was charged with being a coward, and I want to state my position. Before the organization of the house I permitted my sentiments on that question to be expressed in that I was opposed to any and all summary legislation and that I would not vote for any liquor or temperance legislation. By refusing to vote I thought I expressed that sentiment as much as if I had voted 'No.' The gentleman who made the thrust was regularly appointed on the temperance committee, and he asked to be relieved because he was too cowardly to face the propositions that would come before it and it did not lie in his mouth to charge me with cowardice. I am brave enough to meet him, or any other man, mentally or physically, inside or outside the state house."

During the course of his remarks Mr. Snyder became very earnest and as he drew himself up to his full height in delivering his final declaration of war, the scene was very impressive. Cole did not reply.

ON A PILGRIMAGE.

Prominent Ministers and Edu-
cators Are on Their Way
To the Holy Land.

Special to News-Democrat.

New York, Feb. 10.—A distinguished party leaves New York on the Purser Bismark today for a pilgrimage to Egypt and the holy lands. Among the party are Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, the well known evangelist; the Rev. Ford C. Ottman, of Newark, N. J.; John Willis Baer, general secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and John Balcomb Shaw. The party will contain representatives from all parts of the country. After doing Palestine the members will go to Paris to visit the exposition.

SOME TALL GUESSING

Will Have to Be Done by the
Canadians While They Are
on Their Knees.

Special to News-Democrat.

Quebec, Feb. 10.—The Metropolitan, or presiding prelate, of the Canadian branch of the Church of England has appointed tomorrow as a "day of special supplication for the happy ending of the South African war." The day will be observed all over the Dominion of Canada. While these supplications are being offered, there is much doubt as to whether they should be of thanksgiving or in penitential sorrow and distress over a Boer chastisement and victory.

TO SEAL TONGUES.

That Seems to Be the Purpose
of a Dinner to Be Given
Tonight.

Special to News-Democrat.

New York, Feb. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. George Gould have arranged a dinner and musicale for Count and Countess Castellane, tonight. It was reported that they left Paris under a cloud and that there was trouble ahead. This reception seals the tongues of gossip as to family dissensions.

"Not Worth a Scint."

Canal Dover Reporter: Canton last week gave away her three bloodhounds which they bought last summer. They were not going to let one criminal escape when they got after him. They fed the frisky hounds fine fillets of choice beef, till their stomachs bulged out like beer kegs, but it spoiled them, and they are not worth a scint.

NASH AFRAID OF CONSEQUENCES

Though the Desire to Beat the
Clark Bill Is Plain.

WARD OPTION NOT POPULAR

With the Republican Leaders, Who Are
Tied Up With the Liquor Interests
Because of Promises Made
in the Campaign.

Columbus, Feb. 10.—The Clark bill was read in the senate Friday just before adjournment, but not until Representative McCormick of Scioto county, who is regarded as one of the firmest friends of the liquor men in the house, had sought the side of Lieutenant Governor Caldwell and told him that the liquor men had abandoned the attempt to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed for the day at least. The bill can be reconsidered by the house Tuesday if the necessary votes are forthcoming, as rule 45 provides for a reconsideration within three legislative days and by a majority vote.

Under the lash of administration influence a number of Republicans who voted for the bill have agreed, it is said, to vote to reconsider, but Speaker Reynolds saved the day for the temperance people by indicating that he would rule that on a motion to reconsider a constitutional majority was necessary, which the saloon people have as yet been unable to muster. If enough votes can be won between now and Tuesday a reconsideration will be attempted, but if this fails then the bill will be fought in the senate.

There was some pretty byplay in the senate Friday in this connection. Lieutenant Governor Caldwell "forgot" to have the message containing the Clark bill read Thursday, and Friday morning he held the message until he received word that a house reconsideration was out of the question. The accommodating lieutenant governor even put the message in his pocket, when he called Senator Marchant to the chair and left the chamber for a while. This was to prevent some members calling for the message, which would have been done had he not absented himself and the bill for the time.

The incident showed the friends of the bill what they may expect from the lieutenant governor along this line. The administration is handling this matter gingerly. The governor realizes that if he fights the bill he will get the temperance people after him, and this element in the Republican party is very strong. He will not permit any overt act to be committed against the bill for which he may be held responsible.

Senator Seiber will be the leader of the opposition against the bill in the senate. He is already attempting to line up the members to vote to send the bill to the committee on taxation or finance. Mr. Shippard is the chairman of the taxation committee, and will gladly assist in killing the bill or amending it so as to recommit it to the house if he can, although if this should fail and the bill comes squarely before the senate on its passage, he will vote for it. Mr. Patterson of Pike is chairman of the committee on finance, and would kill the bill if he could do so, but would probably either vote for the bill on final passage or attempt to dodge it. The temperance people will all line up to send the bill to the judiciary committee. The fight will be as interesting as it will be important.

The Cox bill was not reported to the senate Friday by Senator Nippert. The Republicans have not all been lined up as yet, and to report the bill before the Cox fences have been completed might be very dangerous. The bill cannot be reported before next Tuesday, and may not come up for several days later. Cox does not seem to be having as easy a time in the senate as he expected.

Mr. Royer introduced two bills Friday of interest to attorneys. One bill provides that when bills of exception are not filed within the limit a stenographer's transcript may be filed and shall answer as a bill of exceptions. The other bill amends the present laws so that when bills of exceptions are found to be wrong the judge shall indicate the errors in writing.

Mr. Marchant's bill is a new one to Ohio people. It is an interstate reciprocity bill on insurance matters, and provides that fraternal insurance companies organized in another state and doing business in Ohio, shall be subject to the same restrictions imposed upon Ohio companies by the state when such insurance companies are incorporated.

The only important bill passed by the senate was Mr. Cohen's bill to amend the law regarding the taxation of omitted property by providing that property unintentionally omitted may be placed on the duplicate without being subject to the penalty of 50 per cent.

IN THE HOUSE.

Members of the legislature and county officials are in danger of losing the old political perquisites of free transportation on railroads. Representative Smith of Delaware introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor punishable by from \$5 to \$300 fine and the forfeiture of office for any public official to accept and use a free railroad pass.

WAR WITH SPAIN

Was Ended Just One Year Ago
By the Signing of the
Peace Treaty.

Special to News-Democrat.

Washington, Feb. 10.—One year ago today President McKinley signed a treaty of peace with Spain, this officially ending the Spanish-American war.

Took Charge of the District.

The prohibitionists are beginning to stir about in this congressional district. W. J. Price, of Fostoria, a speaker and organizer who has had considerable success, has been secured to take charge of the district and organize every township in it for the cold water forces. He arrived in Canton this week and has gone to work in this city. He will cover

the entire district, hold meetings, collect funds and make a roster of the fellows who have been or who will vote the prohibition ticket.

Mrs. D. H. Rohrer Dead.

Word reached Canton today that the wife of Rev. David H. Rohrer, of Fairhope, died at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. She had been ill but one week. Deceased was about 55 years of age and leaves a husband and ten children to mourn for her. Announcement concerning funeral arrangements will be made later.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL BE BUSY.

An Extensive Docket Prepared
For the Sessions.

SOME IMPORTANT LAWSUITS

That Will Come Up for Hearing Before the
the Higher Court This Session
Will Begin February 20 -
List of Cases.

The bar list containing the circuit court docket for the coming term in this city has been issued by the clerk of courts. The circuit court will meet for its long term in Canton February 20, and will be in session probably two weeks. The cases to come before the judges are as follows:

Emeline Landon vs. the Pennsylvania Co. et al.
John Leonhart vs. Reuben K. Landis et al.
Ruth J. Grant vs. James J. Grant et al.
Bernhardt et al. vs. the Champion Stoneware Co. et al.
Margaret Welch et al. vs. the Pennsylvania Co. et al.
Margaret Madden et al. vs. the Pennsylvania Co. et al.
Margaret Welch et al. vs. the City of Alliance et al.
Mary E. McFarren vs. George E. McFarren.
J. L. Russell vs. Thomas E. McPherson et al.
John C. Zutavern vs. John J. Shutz et al.
Diebold Safe and Lock Co. vs. Emanuel Bove.
Hiram R. Wise vs. Dominick Tyler et al.
Martin V. Grimes et al. vs. the City of Alliance et al.
Jesse B. Miller vs. Archibald Castee.
Henry S. Belden vs. Charles A. Burgoyne.
Winthrop A. Moore vs. Elizabeth A. Harter.
Andrew Rohn vs. John Whitmire.
Diebold Safe and Lock Co. vs. George Younginger's administrator.
Village of Navarro vs. Mrs. Myers.
Duerber Watch Case Manufacturing Co. vs. Mrs. S. J. Hecklinger's trustee.
C. W. Richards vs. William Stuart.
Thomas C. Haynam vs. Isaiah Freed.
George D. Harter bank vs. Jennie E. Barrie et al.
Eliza Shorb's administrator vs. Harriet Shorb et al.
Charles Frantz vs. Louis Frantz's administrator et al.
F. E. McNichols' administrator vs. Horace S. Grant's guardian.
Ada F. Coates vs. Matthew Early, trustee.
James W. Clark et al. vs. Anna Taylor.
Margaret Chambers vs. the City of Canton.
People's Savings Bank Co. vs. Minnie R. Lochet et al.
Canton Surgical and Dental Chair Co. vs. Aaron P. Gould et al.
W. E. N. Hemperly vs. James F. Pock et al.
William G. Labbe vs. William T. Scharlo et al.
Canton Pole and Shaft Co. vs. George D. Lehner.
City of Canton vs. John Shock et al.
William Ashton's administrator vs. Cleveland Brick Co.

Horse Restored.

The horse which strayed away from the barn of Marsino Bros., in East Seventh street, has been recovered and restored to the owners. It appears that the horse forced the door of the barn open, and walked out. He was discovered late Thursday walking up North Walnut street, by a citizen who took the animal in charge and lead it to the police station and then placed him in a local livery barn. Mr. John Marsino learned where the horse was being retained and secured it.

Case Settled.

The case of Frank X. Yetzer vs. John B. Yetzer was settled out of court and dismissed by Judge McCarty, Friday. The plaintiff had sued for about \$600. John Bothwell was retained as his attorney and the defendant was represented by Willson & Day. The defendant came in Friday with overtures for a settlement, agreeing to pay the costs and most of the claim and the plaintiff accepted the offer.

Special Venue.

A special venire of eight names for jurors to fill the panels in the two petit juries was drawn Saturday. A number of the regular members of the juries could not be found and some are unable to serve. The new members are George W. Nies, Daniel Parr, and Frank A. Alexander, of Canton, Conrad Brumbaugh, of Lake, Alfred Nichols, and George Heilsman, of Alliance, Jacob Duprez, of Nimshillen township, and Edward J. Hamell, of Massillon.

New Trial Wanted.

Attorney John Sponseller has filed a motion for a new trial in the suit contested this week between Curtis Richardson and the Plain and Jackson township Mutual insurance company in which the latter won. He says the trial was not fair, that there is new evidence and that the court erred in the case.

Will Filed For Probate.

The will of Nurissa Shearer of Canton has been filed for probate. She left \$75 to erect a tombstone over the grave of her mother and the balance of her property was willed to her sister, Rachael Barnett.

Cantonians registered at Cleveland hotels Friday were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brothers, C. F. Chapman, F. S. Behner, Miss S. Wheeler, L. J. Underwood.

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